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For: MEANS FOR STABILIZATION OF THROMBIN AND COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. The thrombin-containing composition according to the claim 4, wherein it is characterized in that the composition is liquid.

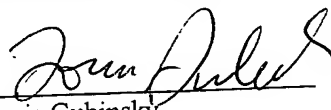
a' 7. A method for the manufacture of a thrombin-containing composition into which at least one of the stabilizing means for thrombin described in any of claims 1 to 3 is introduced.

8. A method for the measurement using a thrombin-containing composition into which at least one of the stabilizing means for thrombin described in any of claim 1 to 3 is introduced and the stabilized composition is used as a reagent.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Written Amendment

(Amendment According to Stipulation of Article 11)

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4. Object of Amendment: Claims

5. Contents of Amendment:

(1) Taking the claims after the amendment accepted on March 20, 2001 as a basis, "protein" and "A means for the stabilization of thrombin, characterized in that" in claim 2 are amended to read "gelatin" and "The means for the stabilization of thrombin according to claim 1, wherein it is characterized in that", respectively.

6. List of Attached Document

pages 15 and 15/1 of "Claims".